

# SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

March 20th, 2016

“He that hath the SON  
hath life; and he that hath  
not the SON OF GOD  
hath not life.”

1 JOHN 5:12

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## **Schedule of Services**

**Sunday School            10:00 am**

**Sunday Worship        11:00 am**

**Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm**

### **Nursery**

***Nursery available for 4 years old and younger***

### **Happy Birthday!**

***Bobby Luman (March 20th), Brittany Philley (March 10th)***

“No man serves God on his own terms, but in the place where God puts him, with the gifts God gives him, to do the work for which God condescends in great mercy and grace to use him. Being so highly honored of God, God’s servant serves his Master willingly, with all his heart and all his might.” — **DON FORTNER**

### **THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN**

The *Prayer of a righteous man availeth much*; what comfort the Spirit gives to the people of God, testifying that the Son of God prayed for you in His great priestly prayer. His prayer availeth much! (*JOHN 17:20, JAMES 5:16, ROMANS 8:34*)

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### **THE THREE AUTHORS OF SANCTIFICATION**

There are Three Authors of Sanctification. GOD the FATHER sanctified a people in eternal election (*EPHESIANS 1:4-5*), GOD the HOLY GHOST has and will sanctify those people with a holy calling; a calling that continually teaches and comforts us in CHRIST (*2 TIMOTHY 1:9, JOHN 16:8, JOHN 14:16*), and GOD the ETERNAL SON sanctified His people through the offering of his body once for all; by the one offering of Himself, he has perfected forever them that are sanctified. (*HEBREWS 10:10,14*).

Praise the LORD! Our triune God, Jehovah, has set us apart and made us *holy and unblameable and unreprougeable in his sight*: by and in His beloved Son (COLOSSIANS 1:22, 1 CORINTHIANS 5:21).

I fear for that man or woman, as yet untaught of the LORD, who believes that by ceasing from doing some things and in their place doing other things, is in some way contributing to their own salvation and sanctification. (MATTHEW 7:21-23)

Simply put; anyone who believes he is some how collaborating with God in their salvation *has not* believed on Christ.

I say to that person “*Repent of the iniquity of your unbelief and believe on the person and finished work of Jesus Christ. Christ has by Himself, accomplished the salvation of His people!*” (HEBREWS 1:2, ISAIAH 40:1-2) Christ is the author and finisher of our faith. He purchased a full and complete salvation with His precious blood for all those the Father has given Him! (JOHN 6:39, EPHESIANS 1:14) The Lord Jesus Christ is our all and in all (COLOSSIANS 3:11, 1 CORINTHIANS 1:30), all our *wisdom*, and *righteousness*, and *sanctification*, and *redemption*, HE is the victorious conqueror of our souls. (REVELATION 6:1-2.)

Beloved, rejoice, your salvation does not depend on what you have done or will do, rather it depends wholly and completely on what CHRIST has *DONE!* From it’s beginning to it’s end, from A to Z, our salvation is of the LORD! Look unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, and it will be well with your soul. (HEBREWS 12:2, ISAIAH 26:3)

Praise be to the Father! Praise be to the Holy Ghost! Praise and Glory be to the LORD JESUS CHRIST, the author and finisher of our saving faith! When Christ gave us life, we who were once dead in trespasses and sins, were made to understand His words. “...*thy faith [CHRIST...the author of it] hath made thee whole.*” (MARK 5:34.) AMEN!

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“...The apostle says to Timothy, and so he says to every preacher, ‘*Give thyself unto reading.*’ “...*give attendance to reading...*” (1 TIM. 4:13) ...The man who never reads will never be read; he who never quotes will never be quoted; he who will not use the thoughts of other men’s brains, proves that he has no brains of his own. Brethren, what is true of ministers is true of all our people—you need to read.” —**C.H. SPURGEON**

## **“HE THAT HATH THE SON HATH LIFE” (1 JOHN 5:12)**

It has been (for centuries) a great temptation to talented men to spend their time studying, arguing and quarreling over doctrine and future events, when they would have been better employed and more greatly used of God in preaching the gospel of our Lord. It certainly does not harm us to sharpen our minds, to look into the mysteries of God, to inquire into that which is written (revealed and unrevealed) but our powers are limited, our gifts are limited, our time is limited (*PSALM 90:12*). Let us sound a clear note concerning that which God has made known without a doubt! *“He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.” (1 JOHN 5:12).*

A man can be saved and not know whether he is Pre-Post or A-Mil, but a man cannot be saved who does not know Christ Jesus. A man can be saved without a full knowledge of T.U.L.I.P., but he cannot be saved without a love for Christ Jesus. A man can be saved who refuses the Lordship of Elders, but he cannot be saved who refuses the Lordship of Christ Jesus. A man can be saved who does not enter into the rest of a Sabbath or special days, but a man cannot be saved who has not ceased from his labors and entered the rest of Christ Jesus.

**HENRY MAHAN**

## **WATCH AND PRAY**

*“AND HE COMETH UNTO THE DISCIPLES, AND FINDETH THEM ASLEEP, AND SAITH UNTO PETER, ‘WHAT, COULD YE NOT WATCH WITH ME ONE HOUR? WATCH AND PRAY, THAT YE ENTER NOT INTO TEMPTATION: THE SPIRIT INDEED IS WILLING, BUT THE FLESH IS WEAK’”—MATTHEW 26:40-41*

I have often considered our Lord's question to Peter in the light of my own sinful flesh. *“What, could ye not watch with me one hour?”* Beloved, are we watching or are we sleeping? How difficult it is for us to pray, study God's Word, and worship our Lord with awakened interest. It would be to our spiritual well being to watch and pray that we do not enter into temptation. Indeed the believer's quickened spirit is willing but our flesh is so, so weak. May God be pleased to always cause us to watch and pray looking unto Jesus Christ *the author and finisher of our faith* for every single thing. (*HEBREWS 12:2.*)

**DAVID EDDMENSON**